

Act 1955, no gift duty shall be payable in respect of any gift of an historic article to the Minister on behalf of the Crown for the benefit of New Zealand and no such gift shall be included in the dutiable estate of the donor, notwithstanding that he may die within three years after having made the gift."

The bill, which is set down for the second reading debate, represents a significant attempt to prevent the export of material of national importance.

Standing Executive Committee at its September meeting resolved to write to the Minister of Internal Affairs expressing the Association's deep appreciation of the bill, and suggesting that Section 13 should be widened so that the exemption from gift duties could apply to all kinds of libraries supported from public funds.

### **Binding cases for New Zealand Libraries**

As soon as the last issue of *New Zealand Libraries* for 1962 has been issued, orders will be placed with a binder for binding cases in full Mantex bookcloth, titled in gold.

Those who have received the binding case for the 1961 volume will receive the 1962 case automatically on standing order, and be billed in the normal manner.

New subscribers should place their orders with the Registrar as soon as possible. The cost will be the same as last year, 4s. per case. Binding cases should be ready for distribution in March 1963 when the index to volume 25, 1962, will be issued.

### **Maori Library Service Committee**

On the recommendation of the Standing Executive Committee, Council at its August meeting resolved to set up a Maori Library Service Committee "to make recommendations which would assist libraries to give service to Maoris and which would facilitate co-operation between the Association and the Maori Education Foundation". Members of the Committee are Miss H. B. Cowey (convener), Miss A. Andrews, Miss C. F. Mathews, Mr A. E. Mercer, Mrs K. M. Spencer, Miss A. Tuhou and the Hon. Secretary (J. P. Sage).

Moves towards the formation of this Committee date back to June, when at the request of the Foundation the N.Z.L.A. convened a meeting of representatives of the Foundation, the Association, National Library Service and interested individuals at 10 Park Street. A report on this meeting was prepared by J. P. Sage for the consideration of Standing Executive and Council, and the recommendations in this report were substantially adopted by Council.

An interesting approach to "The problem of getting Maoris to use public libraries, especially Maori families who have recently moved to town and cities", one of the matters which the June meeting considered the Maori Library Service Committee should consider, has been initiated at the Upper Hutt Public Library. The Upper Hutt branch of the Maori Women's Welfare League held the first part of

its June meeting at the Upper Hutt Public Library, where the Librarian, Mr I. W. Malcolm, explained some of the mysteries of the library and invited members to explore the shelves. The range of stock available was apparently as much a revelation to many Pakeha members of the League as to Maori members.

### **Golden Kiwi grant for Works in Sets**

The Minister of Internal Affairs has granted the Association £1,000 from Golden Kiwi lottery funds for the purchase of works in sets. The Wellington Subcommittee of Book Resources Committee will select the works to be purchased from the main list already approved by Book Resources Committee and the orders will be placed by National Library Service. The works will remain the property of the Association but they will be placed with various libraries on permanent loan. The National Library Service has already purchased material to the value of approximately £1,500 from the list of required works in sets.

### **Reorganisation of Book Resources Committee**

The New Zealand Book Resources Committee reported to Council in August that "because of its fairly large membership and comprehensive terms of reference, the Committee has become rather unwieldy" and had therefore decided to set up a number of subcommittees. These are the Wellington Subcommittee, to deal with routine and urgent matters; the Bibliographical Projects Subcommittee to deal with the national union catalogue, *Union List of Serials*, *Index to New Zealand Periodicals*, national bibliography and other projects which might usefully be initiated (W. J. McEldowney, convener, J. O. Wilson, with power to co-opt up to two members not necessarily members of Book Resources Committee); and the Subcommittee on Materials for Industry (S. Perry, convener, R. Duthie, E. H. Leatham, R. N. O'Reilly, with power to co-opt up to two members who need not be members of Book Resources Committee or of the N.Z.L.A.).

### **Blood for Association committees diluted**

Council at its August meeting considered document 1962/32, *Involvement of Members in Work of the Association* (see *NZ Libs* 25 no 6:161 July 1962), and after reaching general agreement that the principle was a good one made considerable changes to the machinery provisions. The final resolutions were:

- (a) That an effort be made to increase the participation by personal members in committee work.
- (b) That the Standing Executive Committee be asked to set up a subcommittee to compile a list of possible committee members from sources available to it, namely the Register of Fellows